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Mr James R. Mackey
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Dear Mackey:

It was nice to hear from you at last. I had commenced to wonder what was the reason you would not answer even my wire.

I only hope the baseball is as good as the ballplayers must expect it to be from the salaries we are being asked for. I dont blame the men with responsibilities for not wanting to leave their jobs unless it is worth while, but the salary request are sometime unreasonable. In your case, you are of course an exception. Good smart catchers are very few and far between. We have ,(as usual)another good looking young prospect, and you would mean a lot to him. I think I told you in my last letter, Hill never looked quite the same without you. I know too the fans would really enjoy seeing you around these parts. Would you be able to catch any doubleheaders? I have to know what to look for in my second string catcher.

We are leaving for training camp April 8th, and are going to train in Richmond, and will stay at Virginia Union as before. I am going to give the men \$20.00 a week while in camp, in addition to paying room and board. Would you be able to go to camp with us? We would definitely want you there. I will agree to give you what you asked for, and will send a contract when I hear from you if you can come.

Hope you and wife are well. I will be looking to hear from you,

Very Truly Yours